

Mortality as a measure of quality: implications for palliative and end-of-life care.

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Public reporting of mortality [indicators](#) forces hospitals to evaluate each death as a potentially poor outcome. This commentary discusses the tension between delivering high quality palliative care and the often paradoxical increase in mortality.